Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims replaces all

prior versions or listing of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for providing a

consumer with personalized credit-related information based on credit history data of the

consumer, comprising:

creating an account associated with the consumer;

electronically receiving a request from the consumer for personalized credit-

related information:

transmitting to a credit bureau, in response to the request from the consumer, an

inquiry for credit history data relating to the consumer;

receiving credit history data on the consumer in response to the inquiry;

generating a summary report of personalized credit-related information based on

the credit history data, the summary report including a credit score and an explanatory

statement suggesting at least one step to improve the credit score, wherein the at least one

step to improve the credit score is based on the credit history data; and

transmitting the summary report to the consumer.

2. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein

creating an account includes establishing an agent relationship with the consumer.

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3. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein

transmitting an inquiry includes transmitting a Fair Credit Reporting Act Consumer

Inquiry for the consumer to the credit bureau.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein

generating the summary report includes generating the credit score based on the credit

history data.

5. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 4, further

comprising receiving consumer-related records from a plurality of databases in

communication with one or more networks, and wherein generating the credit score

includes generating the credit score based on the credit history data and at least one of the

consumer-related records which is associated with the consumer.

6. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein

receiving the request of the consumer includes authenticating the consumer.

7. (Withdrawn) A computer-implemented method of providing one or more pre-

approved offers to a consumer based on credit-related information of the consumer,

comprising:

creating an account associated with the consumer; transmitting to a credit bureau

an inquiry for credit history data relating to the consumer;

receiving credit history data on the consumer in response to the inquiry;

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receiving at least one selection of a type of pre-approved offer the consumer

desires to receive; and

selecting a pre-approved offer from a plurality of offers from multiple merchants

based at least partially on the credit history data of the consumer and the selection of the

at least one type of pre-approved offer the consumer desires to receive.

8. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 7, further comprising

presenting the offer to the consumer, wherein the offer is for establishing a credit-based

account with a merchant.

9. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 8, wherein presenting

the offer includes displaying a selectable item on a webpage viewable by a web browser

interface.

10. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 7, wherein

identifying the pre-approved offer includes: receiving an offer from a merchant with

merchant define criteria for selection of a suitable consumer; and selecting the offer based

at least partially on the criteria provided by the merchant.

11. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 10, wherein

presenting the pre-approved offer includes presenting the pre-approved offer for

acceptance by the consumer, wherein the pre-approved offer is anonymously pre-

approved based on a comparison of the credit history data of the consumer and the criteria

provided by the merchant.

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12. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 7, wherein the step

of creating the account includes receiving preference criteria from the consumer.

13. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 12, wherein

selecting the pre-approved offer includes selecting the pre-approved offer from a

merchant based at least partially on the preference criteria of the consumer.

14. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 7, wherein selecting

the pre-approved offer includes selecting the pre-approved offer from a merchant based at

least partially on market activity of the consumer.

15. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 7, wherein selecting

the pre-approved offer includes determining a financial term of the pre-approved offer

based at least partially on the credit history data of the consumer.

16. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 7, further

comprising selecting a plurality of preapproved offers for the consumer based at least

partially on the credit history data of the consumer and a subject preference provided by

the consumer.

17. (Withdrawn) A computer-implemented method for presenting pre-approved

offers to a consumer, comprising:

receiving consumer data records from a plurality of databases;

receiving at least one selection of a type of pre-approved offer a consumer desires

to receive:

selecting for the consumer at least one pre-approved offer based on at least one

consumer data record associated with the consumer and the selection of the at least one

type of pre-approved offer the consumer desires to receive, wherein the pre-approved

offer is from at least one merchant; and

sending a web-based representation of the pre-approved offer to the consumer.

18. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 17, wherein

receiving the consumer data record includes receiving at least one of credit history report

associated with the consumer and at least one consumer data record associated with the

consumer.

19. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 18, wherein

selecting the pre-approved offer includes selecting the pre-approved offer based at least

partially on the credit history record.

20. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 17, further

comprising receiving an offer acceptance indication from the consumer in response to the

representation of the pre-approved offer.

21. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 17, where selecting

the pre-approved offer includes determining a financial term of the pre-approved offer.

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22. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 17, wherein

selecting the pre-approved offer includes comparing at least one consumer data record

with modeling criteria provided by the merchant.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1,

wherein the consumer comprises a borrower.

24. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 7, wherein the

merchant comprises a financial institution, and the consumer comprises a borrower.

25. (Withdrawn) The computer-implemented method of claim 17, wherein the

merchant comprises a financial institution, and the consumer comprises a borrower.

26. (New) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the inquiry

is a consumer inquiry.

27. (New) The computer-implemented method of claim 26, wherein the

consumer inquiry does not count against a consumer's credit score.